

Also returned the bill which originated in the senate, entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act to define and enlarge the powers of courts of equity, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments."

Which amendments, were read and assented to, and were as follows:

Strike out the word "special in the 6th line and insert the word "general."

Strike out the 5th section, and in place thereof insert the following:

*"And be it enacted,* That hereafter in all causes in the court of chancery, or in any county court as a court of equity, all objection to the competency of witnesses and the admissibility of evidence, and to the sufficiency of the averments of the bill or petition, shall be made by exception filed in the cause, and no point relating to the competency of witnesses or the admissibility of evidence, or sufficiency of the averments of the bill or petition shall be raised in such causes in the court of appeals, or noticed or determined, or acted upon by the court of appeals unless it shall plainly appear that such point had been raised by exceptions as aforesaid, in said court of chancery or county court, and in all causes in the court of chancery, or any county court, as a court of equity, it shall be the duty of the said courts to file their opinions for or in respect of any final decree or decreted order whenever such decree or order shall have passed upon argument, oral or in writing, on part of any of the parties in such causes."

Strike out the 6th section and insert:

*"And be it enacted,* That if upon or after the hearing or consideration of any appeal from any decree or order of the court of chancery, or of a county court as a court of equity, it shall appear or be shewn to the court of appeals that the substantial merits of the cause will not be determined by the reversing or the affirming of such decree or order, or that purposes of justice will be advanced by permitting further proceedings in the cause, either through amendment of any of the pleadings, or the introduction of further evidence or otherwise, then the said court of appeals, instead of passing a final decree or order as is now used, shall order the said cause to be remanded to the court from whose de-